



# BIOGRAPHY

*UNITED STATES ARMY*

## **COLONEL ROBERT L. SWANN**

Colonel Robert L. Swann is the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Military Commissions (OMC) Chief Prosecutor. He is responsible for directing the overall prosecution efforts of the United States in military commissions. His duties include supervising all Military Commission Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors.

Colonel Swann has twenty-six years of experience as an Army judge advocate, including serving at the highest levels of the Judge Advocate General's Corps and more than twenty years litigation experience as a government trial attorney, defense counsel, appellate attorney and military judge. Colonel Swann entered active duty in 1978, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee in 1974 and Juris Doctorate from Memphis State University in 1977. He was initially assigned as a claims attorney at Fort Lewis, WA in 1978. While still at Fort Lewis, Colonel Swann assumed duties as a defense counsel. He was then reassigned to Fort McPherson, GA as the senior defense counsel in 1981. Between 1979 and 1983, he tried more than 150 felony cases. During the years 1983-1986, Colonel Swann served as a Government Appellate Counsel in Washington, D.C.

After receiving his LLM from the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, VA in 1987, Colonel Swann was the Chief Prosecutor in Frankfurt, Germany, supervising 8 other prosecutors as well as serving as lead counsel in over 50 cases. In 1989, he became the Officer-in-Charge of the Hanau Legal Center, Germany, acting as both Chief Prosecutor and legal advisor to a Brigadier General responsible for a community of 31,000 soldiers and their families. Colonel Swann was selected as the 3d Armored Division Deputy Staff Judge Advocate in 1990, providing oversight of 22 attorneys during deployments to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. Colonel Swann left Germany in 1991 to attend the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon graduation, Colonel Swann was selected to a faculty of the Command and General Staff College. He served as a Senior Law Professor from 1992-1994. From there he deployed overseas again, this time as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 2d Infantry Division in Korea.

In 1995 Colonel Swann returned to the Pentagon to serve as Deputy Chief, Army Criminal Law Division. In that role, he advised the Army leadership on criminal law policy and operational matters. He also was the Army's point man with Congress and the press on the Aberdeen Proving Ground sexual misconduct cases. Following that tour, Colonel Swann became the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Jackson, SC. In 1999, Colonel Swann returned to Washington, D.C. to

serve as Chief, Standards of Conduct Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, where he managed the Army's Ethics and Professional Responsibility Program. In 2000, Colonel Swann assumed the position of Circuit Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit at Fort Campbell, KY, home of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). He served as Chief Circuit Judge from June 2002 until August 2003. Colonel Swann has presided over more than 300 criminal trials.